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1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEES RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE GERMAN DELEGATION CONCERNING THE DOCUMENTS QUOTED IN REFTEL. GERMANY BELIEVES THESE DOCUMENTS ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET EXPERTS (CCG), COMPLYING WITH ARTICLE 51 OF THE PENSION SCHEME RULES. (ARTICLE 51 - COORDINATION. BEGIN TEXT: THESE RULES MUST BE APPLIED IN A UNIFORM MANNER BY THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN ARTICLE 1.1. TO THIS END, THE SECRETARIES (AND DIRECTORS) GENERAL OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL CONSULT AMONG THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE APPROPRIATE COORDINATION. END TEXT.)

2. IN ADDITION, THE LETTER CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

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AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSALS IN DOCUMENT BC-DC(78)20/MBC-M(78)93 THE PENSIONABLE PERIODS OF SERVICE MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION TWICE FOR THE OVERALL PENSION OF STAFF MEMBERS. FOR NATIONAL STAFF MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO NATO BUT PAID FROM NATIONAL FUNDS, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PENSION SCHEME HAVE BEEN PAID AND APPROPRIATE PENSION RIGHTS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE

RESPECTIVE MEMBER NATION. FOR SO-CALLED LOCAL LABOR, THE OBLIGATIONS VIS-A-VIS THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM OF THE HOST COUNTRY WERE MET FROM COMMON NATO FUNDS. AS LONG AS THE TRANSFERABILITY OF THESE RIGHTS ACQUIRED IN THE NATIONAL SYSTEMS TO THE PENSION SCHEME OF THE COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS AND THE QUESTIONS OF COVERAGE INVOLVED HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED, IT SHOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO VALIDATE THESE PERIODS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM.

AS FAR AS THE PROPOSALS IN BC-D(78)21/MBC-M(78)94 ARE CONCERNED, IT APPLIES, NO DOUBT, THAT WITHDRAWALS FROM THE PROVIDENT FUND MADE AFTER THE 1ST OF JULY 1974 HAVE TO BE REIMBURSED IN LINE WITH THE PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE 44, PARAGRAPH 3, OF THE PENSION SCHEME RULES. THE PROPOSALS WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO A DISADVANTAGE FOR THOSE STAFF MEMBERS WHO MADE A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE FUND BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 1974 AND WHO REIMBURSE THESE WITHDRAWALS EITHER BEFORE THE END OF THE OPTION PERIOD OR HAVE TO ACCEPT A CORRESPONDING CUT IN THEIR PENSION RIGHTS. END QUOTE.

3. DISCUSSING LETTER WITH BUDGET COMMITTEES' CHAIRMAN, CBC REP SUGGESTED THAT DURING THE CCG MEETING MAY 17-18 THE NATO DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION CONSIDER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS WHETHER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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QUESTIONS IN THESE TWO DOCUMENTS ACTUALLY EXIST IN THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AND WHETHER COORDINATED ACTION IS NECESSARY. HE COULD THEN REPORT TO THE JOINT CBC/MBC MAY 23, WHEN THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOW SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. MISSION COMMENT: IF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE REFERRED TO THE CCG, THIS WILL OF NECESSITY REQUIRE THAT THE OPTION PERIOD BE EXTENDED BEYOND JUNE 30.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S REVIEW OF REFTEL AND ABOVE COMMENTS, AND NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS BY MAY 20. BENNETT

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